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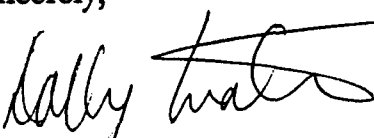
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I did not agree with the federal government's decision to sue Microsoft, and I am glad to see the two sides have reached a settlement. Microsoft is a strong and successful company because it develops the best products for the industry, and it is time to start spending the government's money on more important issues than trying to hinder this company's success.

Microsoft has agreed to change its business operations so that competition will increase in the technology industry. The company will design future versions of its Windows operating system so that computer makers can promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. Microsoft has also agreed not to retaliate against computer makers that ship software that competes with anything in Windows. This settlement was reached after many long and costly hours of litigation, and extensive negotiations. It is fair and reasonable, and it should be finalized as soon as possible.

Settling now will benefit consumers and the industry, and this was what the government sought from the beginning. The American economy needs a boost right now, and stopping this litigation is a great step in the right direction.

Sincerely,


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